THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) In order to improve literacy and education among scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and educationally backward minorities, the Programme of Action-1992 (POA-92) prepared in pursuance of National Policy on Education-1986 as updated in 1992, which was tabled in the Parliament on 19th August, 1992 envisages a number of programmes. Some of the measures to improve the literacy among SCs, STs and Educationally Backward Minorities are :

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, coaching, training and remedial teaching classes, hostel facilities, etc.;

— Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

— Programmes for non-formal education for those who cannot attend whole day schools;

— Opening of new schools in SC|ST localities;

— In the basic education projects namely Bihar Education Project, UP Education Project and Lok-Jumbish in Rajasthan, the SC|ST and other socially disadvantaged groups are the focus among the target groups;

— Setting up community polytechnics in minority concentration districts and training of teachers of minority managed schools;

— Scheme of Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities;

— Scheme of Modernisation of Madarsa Education;

— Preparation of text-books, primers in tribal languages and dialects;

— The Total Literacy Campaigns invariably include all the sections of society and since the SCs and STs have a bigger percentage of illiterates, their participation in the programme is always larger.

EXCAVATION WORK AT NAGPUR

3412. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Minister or Directorate of Archaeology has received any letters from Members of Parliament from Nagpur about excavation work under the Regional Directorate or Branch at Nagpur;

(b) what is the reason for the Directorate not being enthusiastic about taking up new excavation work at Adam Paini in Bhandara District; and

(c) whether the grants for excavation work under the Nagpur office will be enhanced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Archaeological Survey of India carried out excavations at Adam, district Nagpur during the last four seasons from 1988—92, and has completed the work. The report is under preparation and is in final stages of completion. Excavations at Pauni, District Bhandara, Maharashtra have been carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India, jointly with Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, University of Nagpur, Nagpur, during the seasons 1968—70. Since the cultural sequence of the site has been established and the excavation

report has been published, no further excavation is proposed by the Archeological Survey of India.

(c) The funds are allotted as per the needs of the excavation.

WELFARE FUND FOR KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

3413. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Welfare Fund set up for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan employees in early seventies or late sixties has since been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of the funds collected thereunder disbursed to the employees dying in harness as also the amount dumped since its closure; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government to the demand for revival of the said Fund ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) According to information furnished by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the Benevolent Fund created by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in the early seventies is not in operation now. An amount of Rs. 93,000 approx. is lying in the Saving Bank Account of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Benevolent Fund in Syndicate Bank, I. P. Estate, New Delhi Besides, an amount Rs. 15,000 is in fixed deposit. There is no proposal to revive the said fund since other welfare schemes, such as, Group Insurance etc. were introduced in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for its employees.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION GRADE IN KVS

3414. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of eligibility for grant of Selection Scales of pay to different grade of teachers of Central and Kendriya Vidyalayas' teachers;

(b) details of those who have since been granted these scales in Kendriya as yet; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The eligibility condition for grant of Selection Scales of pay to different grades of teachers is as follows :

— The Selection Scale will be granted after 12 years service in the Senior Scale of the respective cadre. For the Vice-Principals|Headmaster of Secondary Schools, there will be only Senior Scale after 12 years and no selection scale.

— The number of posts in the Selection Scale for Primary School Teacher, Trained Graduate Teacher|Headmasters of Primary School, Post Graduate Teachers|Headmasters or Middle School will be restricted to 20 per cent of the number of posts in the senior scale of the respective cadre.

— The Senior Scale and Selection Scale will be given after screening regarding their satisfactory performance by an appropriate DPC.